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APPLICATION OF: Choudhury et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/760,682

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FOR: PASSIVE ALIGNMENT CONNECTION  
FOR FIBER OPTICS

EXAMINER: G. Wang

ART UNIT: 2874

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: A1-057 US

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining the above captioned patent application, please enter the following amendment responsive to the final Office Action in the parent case mailed January 29, 2003:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 17, 30 and 40.

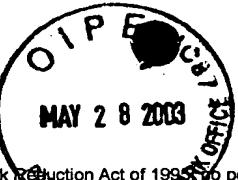
Please rewrite claims 1, 16, 21, 29, 33, and 41 to read as follows, and have each amended version replace the previous version of each of these claims.

--1. (Twice Amended) A passive alignment fiber optic connection system, comprising:

a connector module having a plurality of fiber optic fibers having ends terminating at a face of said connector module;

a substrate module having a plurality of waveguides having ends terminating at a first face or at a second face of said substrate module to define an input end and an output end which are different from each other;

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  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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